

If you could see the shagreened knee segments, mounted in the completed manner, with carbines, and ~~drum~~ ^{snare} ~~drum~~, tall, fierce looking, mounted, and whippers men mounted on tall and stately horses - that parade as principal ~~meets~~ ^{meets} from time to time - I believe for the purpose of impressing the people of Ireland with a deep sense of the power of our rulers to keep us down if we make any attempt to struggle upwards. There they go - their swords glittering - with their green and white faces made ugly after the fashion of Chastan's warfare - the brass band and kettle drums playing before them. This is a sight we often see. It would be easy to calculate the cost of one of these exhibitions - and to ascertain how many ragged labourers, wretched wives & starving children it takes to make up the outlay upon one of them. For surely they are all provided for out of the labour of the poor.

It is now March 3rd - The steam boat leaves Liverpool for Boston tomorrow. I send herewith another Nation published yesterday which thro' well pleased forward as soon as read to Mr. McKim. The nation is the mouthpiece of Young Ireland - all for independence, independence, rationally - full of classic aspirations - longing for an Irish Marcellus or Thermopylae - bursting with admiration of Robert Fyfe and the United States - ready to annihilate any body who would tread on Brother Jonathan's ears by the slightest hint about his millions of slaves. Full of hope from American help & sympathy - and grossly ignorant of the hollowness of your slavish babbling about liberty. Therefore I believe ignorant of the requisites of impartial liberty - and destitute of useful sound principles on any subject. They stand in great degree independent of O'Connell and are by no means his greatest flatterers. The dems invariably call him "The Liberator!" They have not the fullest confidence in him and don't like the nation to idolize him so much and allow itself to be so completely led by him. They have great hopes from some turn up in affairs that will give Ireland a chance to take advantage of Engl. and necessities. So how curiously they treat the English for their reception of O'Connell - how they look on it as a boon to jump up Belfast - and say all they can to prevent Mr. McKim from being too grateful for English cheer. We had a letter within these two days from W. L. Wright from Springfield. It is written in much better spirits than any of the others we had from him. I think he is getting hopes of great good from the water here and that he contemplates a more prolonged stay. His comparison my cousin Joseph Pook, with a young man, fatherless, speaks of returning very soon. I was in hopes they would have remained and returned together through Southern Germany & Switzerland. Also within these two days came a note from Esther Sturge enquiring to know how I

would like to have one sheet of the Boston engagements forwarded to Dublin. I suppose
 you will send them by a vessel sailing direct from Liverpool to London - which would
 give a good deal for freight. The steam boat freight is extremely dear. U.S. News
 has been sending me so many of ^{us.} copies of his Representative that I cannot think of
 your receipt of a note which I had in part for postage to him and partly to
 make the Queen's copy as much as possible of the two copies. Until the Boston
 arrives which will I hope be in a few days (from London) I can say nothing of the
 contents, so must post over till next month the payments in cash that I owe



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It would seem the names that Walter Jennings sent us a letter he has just had
 from him and that it myself were greatly pleased to hear from him self
 more. I think the ^{40, D'ALE-STREET,} SHARREHOLDERS' COMMITTEE ROOMS Convention would have been of great use to him, both
 and mentally. We should be glad to hear from him often. All his friends
 in Ireland are I believe in good health & spirits.
 Thine truly
 Richd D Webb